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Note by the Secretariat

In its decision 1 (56) of 24 March 2000, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination requested that its fifty-eighth session be held at United Nations Headquarters. The text of the decision is reproduced below for information.

Decision 1 (56)

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,

Recalling again that paragraph 4 of article 10 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination stipulates that the sessions of the Committee shall normally be held at United Nations Headquarters,

Reaffirming its decisions 8 (53) and 4 (55), in which it stated, in particular, that some States parties, especially developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, maintain diplomatic missions in New York but not at Geneva, and that some of these States encounter financial and other difficulties in attending the meetings of the Committee when their reports are to be examined at Geneva,

Having examined the statement of the programme budget implications of decision 4 (55) submitted by the Secretary-General (A/54/18/Add.1) and having taken note of the decision of the General Assembly, in the light of that statement, to refer back to the Committee for further consideration its decision 4 (55),

Having taken note of the information provided to the Committee by the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights concerning the availability of conference servicing facilities for the holding of the fifty-eighth session of the Committee at United Nations Headquarters,

1. *Decides* to request that its fifty-eighth session be held at United Nations Headquarters from 8 to 26 January 2001, in order to examine with priority the

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reports of the States parties which encounter difficulties in attending meetings of the Committee in Geneva;

2. *Requests* the General Assembly to take appropriate measures to implement the present decision.